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SUBJECT: TURKISH EDITORIAL COMMENT ON CLIFFORD MISSION AND

U.S. POLICY TOWARD TURKEY

1. OVER LAST FEW DAYS, SEVERAL TURKISH NEWSPAPERS OF
DIFFERING POLITICAL ORIENTATION HAVE EDITORIALY EXPRESSED
CONCERN ABOUT U.S. POLICY TOWARD TURKEY, FREQUENTLY ALLEGING
THE USE OF PRESSURE ON TURKEY. THE FOLLOWING ARE ILLUSTRATIVE
EXCERPTS:

---LEFTIST POLITIKA (FEBRUARY 8): "THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS
USING THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT AS A MEANS OF FORCING
TURKEY TO BE 'UNDERSTANDING' IN CYPRUS...EITHER TURKEY WILL AGREE
TO U.S. AND WESTERN SOLUTIONS FOR CYPRUS OR IT WILL HAVE DEFENSE
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PROBLEMS."

---LEFTIST CUMHURIYET (FEBRUARY 6): "THE SECRETARY OF STATE LINKS
RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT TO TURKEY'S CHANGING HER CYPRUS
POLICY AND COMING TO TERMS UNDER AN EMBARGO."

---PRO-GOVERNMENT TERCUMAN (FEBRUARY 6) COMMENTING ON THE HOLD-UP

OF THE DCA: "APPARENTLY CARTER IS PREPARING TO BLOW UP ALL HIS BRIDGES WITH TURKEY."

---PRO-ECEVIT BARIS (FEBRUARY 8): "CLIFFORD WILL NOT BRING WITH HIM ANY SOLUTION PLAN, NOT EVEN A TEMPORARY ONE...WHAT AMERICA SHOULD DO IN THIS MATTER AT PRESENT IS TO DO NOTHING, FOR SHE MAY WORSEN MATTERS, RATHER THAN IMPROVE THEM."

---PRO-GOVERNMENT TERCUMAN (FEBRUARY 19) SPECULATED THAT THE U.S. WAS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A CYPRUS SOLUTION BY USING THE BRITISH AND THE UN TO BRING MAKARIOS AND DENKTASH TOGETHER BECAUSE U.S. BASES IN TURKEY ARE IMPORTANT TO THE U.S. YET PRESIDENT CARTER, WHO "CAME TO OFFICE WITH THE VOTES OF THOSE WHO WANT AMERICA TO CEASE BEING THE GENDARME OF THE WORLD," IS UNABLE TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE DCA JUST FOR THE SAKE OF THE BASES. "THE INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN CARTER'S STATEMENT AND HIS APPROACH TO TURKEY CAN BE FOUND IN THE ABOVE EXPLANATIONZ

---LEFTIST CUMHURIYET (FEBRUARY 10): "ANKARA IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE EMBARGO; ATHENS HAS NO PRESSURE OF THIS KIND AGAINST IT...THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION INDIRECTLY TOLD TURKEY THAT THE EMBARGO WILL NOT BE LIFTED UNTIL THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT SOFTENS ITS ATTITUDE IN CYPRUS...TURKEY WATCHES THE NICOSIA TALKS WITH A LOW MORALE. WHAT THE OUTCOME WILL BE IS NOT KNOWN, BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT AMERICAN PRESSURE ON TURKEY HAS HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT THE TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO INDEPENDENT COMMUNITIES." MACOMBER

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